

The Church of England in the parishes of Melbourne,  
Smisby, Stanton by Bridge and Ticknall



## The Bulletin

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### Advent Sunday – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

**Readings:** can be found on pages 7/8

**Introit:** The Advent Prose *Rorate Cæli Mode i*

**Settings:** *Willan* Kyrie/ *Harris*

**Hymns:** 5, 9, [3, 15] 14

**Gradual Psalm:** 122 *plainchant, sung by the Choir* (page 8)

**Anthem:** Rejoice in the Lord always *16th Century anon.*

**Organ Voluntary:** *Wachet Auf! J.S. Bach*

*Refreshments are available after this service. Please join us at the back of church if you have time to stay*

6.30pm **Advent Carol Service**

*(Please see Order of Service)*

### Welcome!

Welcome to all worshipping here today with a special welcome to those who are visitors or newcomers.

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**Across the Benefice today**

**Melbourne:**                *8am* - Revd Sandra Chantry  
                                       *10.30am* - Revd Margaret Jacques  
                                       *6.30pm* - Revd Angela Plummer

**Smisby:**                 *5.30pm* - Canon David Edwards

**Stanton:**                *11am* - Revd Angela Plummer

**Ticknall:**                *9.15am* - Revd Angela Plummer

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

**8am Holy Communion**

**Server:** John Tivey

**Sidespersons:** Avril & Terry Harrison

**Reader:** John Hayden

**10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee**

**Sidespersons:** Annabel Needham, Sheena Wilkins

**Crucifer:** Graham Truscott

**Server:** Joy Hill

**Reader:** Kit Emery

**Intercessor:** Joanna Hocknell

**Junior Church:** Bronwen Truscott, Vicky Emery

**Coffee:** Sarah Kington, Kate Landenberger, Steph Hughes

**6.30pm Advent Carol Service**

**Sidesperson:** Ann Hammond

**Coffee rota**                **Kate Landenberger** 01283 200762

**Readers' rota**            **Janet Warner**                01283701542 ([janet@warner8.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:janet@warner8.freeserve.co.uk))

**Illuminating the Tower**

To make your booking, please call the church office - 862153. Donations to sponsor the lights for an evening should be placed in a clearly marked envelope and put in the Sunday collection or put through the Rectory letterbox.



## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Tonight at 6.30pm

Readings, hymns and choral music

All are very welcome

### Daily Prayer in church

Tuesday & Wednesday      **Morning Prayer** 9.15 am

Tuesday                      **Evening Prayer** 5.00 pm (BCP)

Please note that for the time being, during the vacancy, Evening Prayer will take place on Tuesday evenings only. As is customary this will commence at 5pm in the Lady Chapel.

You will be very welcome occasionally or regularly. This church, all who live in this parish, and the needs of the world, are prayed for daily.

Thursdays at 9.15am      **Holy Communion**

**Autumn Fair:** Many thanks to all who helped with the Autumn Fair last Saturday. £1,300 was made in just two hours. What an effort!

**The Children's Society - Box Collection:** Thank you to all who have returned their boxes; there are still quite a lot to be returned. Please bring them to Church by the end of November (or drop them off to me at the Honner Room on Monday afternoons between 2pm and 3.30pm). Many thanks for your continued support of a most worthy cause. *Christine Franks*

#### First Lesson Reading at 8am:

We are just entering our new church year and If anyone would like to participate in the 8am Lesson Reading rota please contact

[karengrewcock@btinternet.com](mailto:karengrewcock@btinternet.com)

The "8o'clockers" extend to everyone a warm welcome.

[Sidespersons and servers are also needed for the 8am and 10.30am rota. If you would like to help, please ask the Wardens for more details or get in touch with Kate at the office - 862153]

**MESSY CHURCH:** The next MESSY CHURCH session will take place on Saturday December 3rd from 4pm to 5.30pm. We will be exploring the theme 'Experience Christmas' with various activities around the church before sharing a meal together in Church House.

Please let me know if you can spare some time to help; there are plenty of jobs to do including registering people as they arrive, assisting with a (simple!)group activity & helping to set out food. Very importantly please encourage families to come along! *Linda Latchford*

The Whistlewood AGM will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Senior Citizens' Centre. All welcome!

## **Toy Box Christmas Appeal :- Birth Certificates for Street Children in Guatemala**

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed towards the Birth Certificate Appeal. So far I have received £262.00 and that is enough money to pay for another eight children to be registered and given Birth Certificates. This will enable these eight children to technically exist:- to have rights, to have medical treatment, to take school exams, marry and be buried in a proper grave. It also helps prevent them from disappearing off the radar and into a world of sexual abuse and human trafficking. I will be sending your contributions to Toy box at the beginning of December when they will be used in the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala. A Birth Certificate is a piece of paper for Christmas that these children dream of because it makes them exist. Thanks again,

*Revd Margaret Jacques*

### **Mothers' Union Advent Service**

### **Celebrating the Feast of Saint Nicholas**

**Tuesday December 6th**

**2 pm in the church.**

**Refreshments afterwards in the Honner Room.**

**ALL WELCOME**

### **Concert for Macmillan:**

Local choir A Choired Taste will be performing a Christmas concert at MARS on Friday and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. The proceeds from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> will be donated to Macmillan.

Tickets £10 (concessions) are available from Forteys and Karen Grewcock [karengrewcock@btinternet.com](mailto:karengrewcock@btinternet.com) 07770 967616. Thank you for your support.

### **Choir Autumn Fair raffle:**

At the request of the original winner, the raffle was re-drawn at choir practice on Wednesday night. We can announce that the prize of a choir trip for two (or £35 towards the choir weekend away) goes to Jocie Banks. We look forward to welcoming Jocie and her chosen guest on one of our trips next year.

*Rachel Reid*

**Items of Furniture:**

The following items are surplus to requirement in the Rectory. If anyone would like to make a small donation for any of these please see the wardens and arrange to view them.

Cube unit in the dining room

Chair in the master bedroom, Bookcase in the master bedroom

Headboard in the smallest bedroom

Shelf unit in the bathroom

Washing machine

Dish washer

Table and chairs in the kitchen

Thank you,

*Linda and Joanna*

**Christmas with the Sitwells:**

The Sitwell Singers perform their annual Christmas concert on Monday 12th December 7.30pm at St John's church, Bridge Street, Derby. Featuring music by Chilcott, Sweelinck and Gjeillo amongst others, this will be an evening to get you in the mood for the festive season. There will also be the chance to join in some traditional carols.

Tickets £10 available online at [www.sitwellsingers.org.uk](http://www.sitwellsingers.org.uk) or on the door. For more information see Rachel Reid or Clive Avery.

**Stopping Violence: (from Our Diocese, November newsletter)**

The Archers has recently featured the domestic abuse of Helen Archer by Rob Tichener. The story line has been absorbing because of the realistic timeline as the abuse unfolds and the mixed reactions of those who know both characters but interpret the situation differently. This might be a fiction but the sense of injustice has been felt by listeners and the Helen Archer Rescue Fund "Free the Blossom Hill One" has come out of it as a way for listeners to respond.

Acts of violence against women and girls occur all over the world. The statistics show women are more vulnerable to harm in their homes and from those nearest to them and vulnerability to violence is severe at the point of the breakup of a relationship.

Perhaps you are numb to this because you have accepted that it's how it is, or perhaps you look for reasons to explain why that particular woman is the one experiencing abuse, or perhaps you think that this is the injustice and there must be something we could do to exacerbate the problem. Women and girls, some merely children, suffering abuse whether it be physical beating, rape, sexual exploitation, psychological torment, deprivation of self worth, modern slavery - these are people living amongst us who dare not speak out for fear of repercussions.

This is the 140th year since Mary Sumner began Mothers' Union with a handful of young mothers meeting at the vicarage and which now has 4 million members worldwide. Our theme for 2016 is "celebrating family life and all it means". For so many woman and children family life is far from a cause for celebration and our aim is to help to change this - a huge task.

From November 25th - December 10th the annual "16 days of Activism for women against violence" takes place worldwide. This year Mother's Union are joining with local agencies including County and City Councils to mark this with local vigil events. There will be an opportunity to join with people of other faiths or none to increase awareness, learn how to access help, and to find out what is being done.

I invite you to stand with the survivors of domestic abuse and encourage those who need help to ask for it. This act of solidarity may tip the balance of fear for so many silent women who need to speak out and get support and help for themselves. With love, we may begin to find them some

*Ruth Breedon*

Mothers' Union

**Candlelight Vigils taking place on Wednesday 7 December from 11am - 12.30pm**

St Mary and St Laurence, Bolsover S44 6HB

St Anne, Buxton SK17 6HJ

St Peter, Derby DE1 1NN

All Saints', Ripley DE5 3BU (Starts at 10.30am)

**St Mary and All Saints' Chesterfield, S40 1XL will hold a vigil on 6 December from 5pm.**

Please join in and encourage others to do so, even if you can only spare a few minutes.

## **This week in connection with Melbourne Church**

<b>Monday:</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer at Ticknall
	2pm	Caring Hands in The Honner Room
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2pm	Home Communion
	6pm	Melbourne School Governors Meeting
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	11.30am	Home Communion
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9am	Bulletin production team in Church House
	4pm	Messy Church
	5pm	Church prepared for Sunday worship

**A pattern for daily prayer, so that, at home or at church, we can pray together**

**Monday:** Those in great poverty or need.

**Tuesday:** Those who have asked for our prayers: Edna Brame, Anne Brazier, John Glaze, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Wendie Moore and Helen Salih. Also those in Derby's hospitals and hospices. All at Pool Cottage.

**Wednesday:** Our group of parishes.

**Thursday:** The church worldwide. All Christian people. The local church. The Anglican Communion.

**Friday:** All in need, especially the hungry, poor and homeless.

### **The Departed**

In our prayers this week, we can remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time including Winnie Tipping, Pat Johnson, Fred German, Stanley George Truscott, John William Wright, Ann Pass, Harry Wilkins, Vera Brookbanks, Leslie Greenwood, Mary Sugars and Geoffrey Collins.

### **Next Week at Melbourne: Second Sunday in Advent**

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Joan Pass, Tony Taylor)

10.30am **Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Katy Latchford, David Smith)

(Coffee: Katy Latchford, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesperson: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

### **The Readings at 8am and 10.30am**

#### **The First Reading:** *Romans 13.11-14*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 24.36-44*

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour'.

## **Gradual Psalm:** *122 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

*(Please turn to face the Gospel Reader in the aisle during the singing of this psalm)*

I was glad when they said unto me \*  
We will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates \*  
O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity in itself.  
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord \*  
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.  
For there is the seat of judgement \*  
even the seat of the house of David.  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem \*  
they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls \*  
and plenteousness within thy palaces.  
For my brethren and companions' sakes \*  
I will wish thee prosperity.  
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God \*  
I will seek to do thee good.